



MESSAGE FROM MARSHA

GIDDY UP!

El Paso County is home to the Pikes Peak Range Riders, whose mission since 1949 has been to promote the *Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo* each year in support of our military. Lynn from Calhan, Pat from Peyton, Bob from Falcon and Jim from Fountain are just a few of the of the 200 +Pikes Peak Range Riders who dedicate their time and talents to the Range Ride, *Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo*, and our military and their families.

On Wednesday, June 23 over one hundred cowboys and businessmen saddled up and began their five day ride to honor of our military and promote the western traditions and heritage which have made Colorado Springs great. Their ride takes them from downtown Colorado Springs to the beautiful Pikes Peak mountain range and ends at a Gillette camp site near the historic town of Cripple Creek. As the proud wife of a Range Rider, I have witnessed first hand their loyalty and respect for the men and women of the armed services and believe these festivities are some of the most important events for the Pikes Peak Region.

The 70th annual *Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo* begins July 14th and runs through July 17th with world champion cowboys and cowgirls showing off their talents and incredible riding skills at the Norris-Penrose Event Center. Since 1946 the proceeds from the rodeo have been donated to charitable programs and services benefitting local military personnel and their families. Whether your favorites rodeo events include barrel racing, team ropers, or the bull riders, the excitement and thrill of the rodeo is well worth the cost of admission.

Please join me in supporting the Pikes Peak Range Riders, our military and western heritage at the 70th annual *Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo* for a night of excitement and fun. For additional information visit www.coloradospringsrodeo.com! Thank you for the opportunity to serve!

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